

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020

Tarrant County Public Health reported an additional 97 new cases, 7 new deaths, and 98 more recoveries overnight. This brings the County totals to 2,246 positive cases, 68 deaths, and 485 recoveries. Bedford is now reporting 51 positive cases, 10 recoveries, and still 0 deaths.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott's latest Executive Order goes into effect tomorrow. Retail businesses, restaurants, and movie theaters can "re-open" with certain restrictions including, only allowing public access up to 25% of their available occupancy, as well as, requiring social distancing. This does not mean that every business has required to re-open. It is up to the individual business to decide if it is in their best interest to do so.

As we enter Phase I of the Governor's plan to "re-open" Texas, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING RULES:

- ALWAYS USE SOCIAL DISTANCING WHEN OUT,
- WEAR A FACE COVERNING WHEN OUT, and
- IF YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO OUT, DON'T.

Applying these rules not only protects you, but also those around you. It is up to you to use common sense.

On a final note, Thank You to Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley and the Tarrant County Public Health team. They have procured 1 million surgical masks and will be distributing them to all the cities in the County. We will be contacting Bedford businesses and offering masks for their employees as they choose to re-open.